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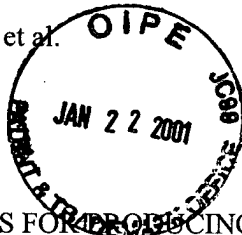
Serial No. : 09/646,119

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For : MACHINE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A MULTI-LAYERED FIBROUS WEB



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously filed.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.
- No additional fee is required.

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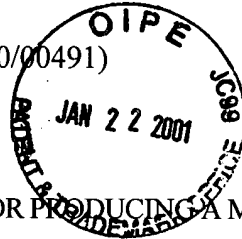
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification and claims as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, between line 1 and line 3 insert the following paragraph, heading and subheading:

**--- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application is a U.S. National Stage application of International Application No. PCT/EP00/00491, filed January 21, 2000, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of German Application No. 199 03 943.7, filed January 28, 1999.

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**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

1. Field of the Invention ---